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Beckham

NOV. 25 Mrs. Allen Gardner of Lynchburg, returned to her home Saturday after spending sometime with Mr. H. O. Martin and Mr. Emory Martin.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Martin were Mrs. Geraldine Moore and Gwen Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Carter, Crystal and Karen Carter, Teresa Campbell Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Martin, Micahel and Edward, Mr. M. G. Martin, Jr. visited in the afternoon.

Mr. Abner Martin of Richmond, is spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard, Donald Lee Drinkard and Miss Eunice Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Mason and family spent the week end with relatives in Buena Vista.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Moore, Jr. Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Tuck, Jerry and Timmy Moore, Mrs. W. C. Story, Irene Story and Lori Mitchell, Mrs. Watts Moore and Leon.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burge visited Mrs. Freddy Martin Sunday afternoon.

APPOMATTOX PRIMARY SCHOOL MENU

Mon., Dec. 1 - Hot dog on bun, pork & beans, cold slaw, brownies, milk.

Tues., Dec. 2 - Bologna Sandwich, creamed potatoes & gravy, green peas & carrots, milk, jello & topping.

Wed., Dec. 3 - Barbecue, tossed salad, string beans, fruit, milk.

Thurs., Dec. 4 - Hamburger on bun, steamed cabbage, potato puffs, fruit, milk

Fri., Dec. 5 - Surf cakes, greens, macaroni-cheese, Hot rolls, butter, ice cream, milk.

APPOMATTOX COUNTY YOUNG HOMEMAKERS

The Appomattox County Young Homemakers met Thursday, November 13, at the home of Mrs. Cindy Ranson. Mrs. Jane Smith presented a program on "Making Christmas Decorations". Mrs. Katie Brunner and Mrs. Dianne Shaffer were hostesses for the evening.

The December meeting will be a Christmas covered-dish supper for our families and a white-elephant sale at the home of Mrs. Betty Jo Smith on Thursday, December 4, at 7:00 P.M.

APPOMATTOX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MENU

Mon., Dec. 1 - Meat loaf, rolls W/butter, green peas, whipped potatoes, pear halves, cookies, milk.

Tues., Dec. 2 - Hot dog on buns W/Dressing, pinto beans, cole slaw, peanut butter cookies, sliced peaches, milk.

Wed., Dec. 3 - Pizza W/cheese, Garden salad, potato chips, Fruit cocktail, cookies, milk.

Thurs., Dec. 4 - Spaghetti w/Meat sauce, Rolls, W/Butter, String Beans, Brownie, Milk.

Fri., Dec. 5 - Hamburger on buns, W/Dressing, Mixed Vegetables, Potato Chips, Apple Cobbler, Milk.

Donna Cyrus

WHOS WHO IN FBLA

Who's Who for the month of October has been active in Future Business Leaders of America for three years. Some activities she has participated in are as follows: participated in skit for first meeting; attended Officers Planning meeting; sold doughnuts and Cherrydale candy; attended Fall Workshop at Longwood; worked and rode on Homecoming Float.

She is a member of the FBLA Week committee, Homecoming Float committee, and the Social committee. She is presently serving as Historian of our chapter and chairman of the scrapbook committee. Who's Who in FBLAfor the month of October is Donna Cyrus, daughter of Mrs. Margret B. Cyrus of Evergreen.

Robin Carter, Reporter

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY INVITE NEW MEMBERS

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Appomattox County Library accepted this proposal with an expression of thanks to the sorority.

A gift of a scrapbook was made to the Friends of the Appomattox County Library by Mrs. Minerva Kepler, the Historian. this gift was much appreciated by the other members.

Mrs. Coleman then read some suggestions for future projects to be undertaken by the Friends of the Appomattox County Library made by Mrs. Margaret Glover. They were as follows: that more parents of pre-school children should be contacted about bringing them to the Story Hour at the library; the need for a fire escape for the upstairs at the library and a rug for the floor of this room; a plan for the distribution of books into the local nursing homes; and Mrs. Glover also suggested that perhaps some individual or organization would be interested in placing seasonal decorations in the library.

Anyone interested in joining the Friends of the Appomattox County Library can do so by filling out a card and paying the dues to the librarian at the Appomattox County Library, or by attending the next meeting to be announced at a later date. The dues are as follows: Student, $1.00; Individual, $2.00; Family, $3.00; Organization, $5.00; Contributing,$25.00; Life $100.00

One of the purposes of the **FRIENDS OF THE APPOMATTOX COUNTY LIBRARY** is to serve as a medium through which friends of the library may become acquainted and share their enthusiasm for books, so if you are a frequent visitor to our County Library you are sure to meet some old friends at our meeting, and perhaps make new friends as well!

The Pastor Speaks

"The forgiveness of sin, according to the riches of His grace" Ephesians 1:7

Could there be a sweeter word in any language than the word "forgiveness", when it sounds in a guilty sinner's ear, like the silver notes of jubilee to the captive Israelite? Blessed, forever blessed be that dear star of pardon which shines into the condemned cell, and gives the perishing a gleam of hope amid the midnight of despair! Can it be possible that sin, such sin as mine, can be forgiven, forgiven altogether, and for ever? Hell is my portion as a sinner - - - there is no possibility of my escaping from it while sin remains upon me - - - can the load of guilt be uplifted, the crimson strain removed? Can the adamantine stones of my prison-house ever be loosed from their mortises, or the doors be lifted from their hinges?

Jesus tells me that I may yet be clean. Forever blessed be the revelation of atoning love which not only tells me that pardon is possible, but that it is secured to all who rest in Jesus. I have believed in the appointed propitiation, even Jesus crucified, and therefore my sins are at this moment, and forever, forgiven by virtue of His substitutionary pains and death.

What joy is this! What bliss to be a perfectly pardoned soul! My soul dedicates all her powers to Him who of His own unpurchased love became my surety, and worked out for me redemption through His blood. What riches of grace does free forgiveness exhibit! To forgive at all, to forgive fully, to forgive freely, to forgive forever! Here is a constellation of wonders; and when I think of how great my sins were, how dear were the precious drops which cleansed me from them, and how gracious was the method by which pardon was sealed home to me, I am in a maze of wondering worshipping affection. I bow before the throne which absolves me, I clasp the cross which delivers me, I serve henceforth all my days the Incarnate God, through whom my soul has been pardoned.

Earnie W. Lucas, Pastor
Bible Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va. 24522

The Sunday School Lesson

Comments By Herbert C. Bradshaw

Lesson for November 30,1975

BECOMING RECONCILED
Scripture: Genesis 45; 50:14-26

If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you . . . first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Matthew 5:23-24.

The Scripture background for last Sunday's International Sunday School lesson left the student at the peak of suspense. Joseph, still known to his brothers only as the chief minister to Pharoah in Egypt, has directed that Benjamin be kept in custody on the charge that he had stolen Joseph's silver cup. Judah, who had pledged himself to Jacob as surety for Benjamin's return, has made a fervent plea, all the more eloquent because of his unselfish offer to become Benjamin's substitute in prison, for his youngest brother's release and return to their father.

It is a moment highly charged with emotion. If Joseph wrote this scene to determine what manner of men his brothers had become since they sold him as a slave years before, he succeeded. Joseph's part, on both visits of his brothers to buy grain, is a demonstration of remarkable self-discipline, both in his kindness to them and in not revealing himself. On the first visit, he must have been sorely tempted to identify himself and let them take the news back to grieving Jacob. Though he had forgiven them, for he had perceived in what had happened, for all the hardship and anguish slavery and imprisonment had brought him, God's hand at work to preserve his family in the severe famine, it was not yet the time to tell them.

On that first visit Joseph could not be certain. He must test his brothers and must see how they really felt about him and their father. Realizing that delay in identifying himself might mean that his aged father might die before learning that he not only was alive but had attained a power and a prominence beyond the imagination of his youthful dreams, Joseph took the chance. The brothers returned. Joseph created a situation in which they could be tested. When he saw their concern for their father and Judah's unselfishness he identified himself.

As Jacob years before on his return from Haran to Canaan had to confront the brother he had wronged, so now his sons confronted their brother whom they had wronged. People sooner or later have to come face to face with the reality of their own evil. The brothers had no doubt regretted their treatment of Joseph, but in his absence they did not have to think overmuch about it. Now they were in his presence, and he was indeed powerful. Now their very beings were dependent upon his mercy: they had seen his authority to retain their brother Simeon on the first visit. Do we jail them, even execute them.

Joseph undertook to relieve their fears, though it was not until after Jacob's death that they felt fully assured of Joseph's forgiveness. Joseph told them that he saw himself as God's agent to save their family from the famine, and though they had done evil in selling him into slavery, they had really contributed to the working out of God's purpose. Judah's unselfish concern for Jacob and Benjamin, expressed a few minutes before, was matched by Joseph's forgiving spirit. Not only was he willing to forgive them; he took the action necessary to save them all from starvation. he sent them home, to bring Jacob and their families to Egypt, where he settled them in a fertile region.

"Earthly power doth then show likest God's
When mercy seasons justice,"
Sakespeare wrote. Joseph's brothers had done nothing to deserve his mercy. But Joseph had not in power and authority, any more than when a slave and a prisoner, forgotten the God of the covenant with his fathers. If anything, he had become more loyal and more devoted. He had the perception to see God's guidance in the whole course of his life. In freely forgiving his brothers, he demonstrated his faith by doing what God was dealing with people in their devotion to God for Jacob a mark of evil. The wrongest gave reconciliation to the wronged him. This is human experience, giving of Himself in love to those who were against Him.

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...Shiloh Church ...Thanksgiving ...at Pine View ...last Sunday ...m. Beautiful ...music by the ...and the pastor ...y instructive ...

...Shiloh Senior ...ar will render ...Peaceful Grove ...this Friday ...Members and ...e church are ...invited to attend.

The annual Hayes Day program will be held at the Virginia College next Wednesday, Dec. 3. All local churches are reminded of the annual celebration.

An appreciative crowd attended the regular evening service at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church last Sunday evening. The Junior Choir under the direction of Mrs. C. S. Turner rendered beautiful music. The pastor delivered a message on "Thanks". All present enjoyed the message.

The Willing Workers Club of the Promise Land Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. Annie Harvey in its regular meeting. Mrs. Ella Louise Robinson was elected as the president and Mrs. Annie Harvey was elected as the vice president. Refreshments were served by the hostess at the close of the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Robinson and Mrs. Dorothy Patrick of Baltimore, will be visiting their mother, Mrs. Bessie Robinson, during the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wormack who attended the funeral of his sister-in-law, made a visit in the home of the Stevens.

Miss Elizabeth Jordan and Mrs. Lillie Stevens attended the funeral of Mrs. Thelma Brown in Farmville last Thursday.

Mr. George Stevens is spending some time in Baltimore visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Beatrice Hughes Wilson attended the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Brown, in Farmville.

The following are reported on the sick list: Mrs. Lillie Jane Fleshman, Mrs. Cora Jones, Mrs. Mary Tweedy, Mrs. Ida Jennings, Madison Saunders and Mr. Lloyd Forest. Let us pray for the sick everywhere.

We are happy to learn that Mr. "Bill" Pierce, brother of Mrs. G. L. James, and a former County Agent in Appomattox is improving nicely after a serious heart operation in the University Hospital near Little Rock, Ark.

Rev. A. B. Jones and R. Q. Lawing attended the State Assembly meeting in Petersburg Saturday. A large delegation across the state was present.

NATIONAL FEED GRAIN ALLOTMENT SET

The U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) placed the 1976 feed grain allotment at 89 million acres, according to James R. Ford, Jr., Chairman of the Appomattox County ASC Committee. The national allotment represents the harvested acreage that will produce the quantity of corn, sorghum and barley USDA estimates the United States will use domestically and for export during the 1976-77 marketing year.

"The national allotment does not represent a limit on the amount of feed grains that may be planted," Mr. Ford said. It is used solely as a basis for making payments to producers should the market price fall below the established target price, of if growers qualify for disaster payments, the Chairman said.

The 1975 allotment was also 89 million acres. However, producers in response to signals from the marketplace rather than the allotment, planted about 106 million acres of corn, sorghum and barley to meet domestic needs and strong export demand.

"The Department believes producers in 1976 will again study prices and demand, particularly the favorable export outlook, in planning their farming operations."

Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz announced earlier that there would be no set-aside requirement for the 1976 feed grain, wheat and upland cotton programs. Mr. Ford said that additional program details would be announced later.

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